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Secondary jobs top one million

The number of secondary jobs in Australia rose to more than one million in the December quarter of 2018, according to new labour market insights released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

This represented more than 7 per cent of all jobs worked in the economy, the highest rate recorded since this series began in 2010.

Job vacancies accounted for around 1.7 per cent of all available jobs, also the highest rate since the series began.

The total number of jobs worked in Australia increased by 1.2 per cent in the quarter, which was more than double the quarterly average over the past five years.

“More than a third of this increase in filled jobs was accounted for by secondary jobs, which shows that multiple job holders are accounting for a larger share of filled jobs in the labour market,” said Bruce Hockman, Chief Economist at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

While the administrative and support services industry had the most secondary jobs (23.2 per cent), the education industry saw the largest increase in the number of secondary jobs during the quarter with growth of 8.2 per cent.

The Australian Labour Account provides a comprehensive picture of the labour market by complementing other ABS measures. It allows the analysis of both main and secondary jobs providing a rich picture of the dynamics of the labour market.

Further details can be found in Labour Account Australia, Quarterly Experimental Estimates (cat. no. 6150.0.55.003). These are available for free download from www.abs.gov.au.

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